

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 27, 2012

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Hon. Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

We are writing to urge the FCC to consider funding Learning-on-the-Go (LOGO) pilot projects for an additional year to allow the FCC to have sufficient data available to determine the true impact of the program on student achievement. For students in the San Diego Unified School District, the LOGO program is having a positive impact, presenting opportunities for further advancement.

The LOGO project is part of a pilot program funded by the FCC to support off-campus wireless Internet connectivity for mobile learning devices. In the LOGO program, education doesn't stop at the schoolyard gate or the library door. Through LOGO's 1:1 off-campus 3G wireless Internet connectivity, students in San Diego Unified now have access to digital textbooks and other innovative resources that allow them to learn in a real-world context, inside the classroom and beyond, anytime, anywhere. The LOGO pilot will set the stage for expansion to other middle and high schools as part of the district's long-range plan.

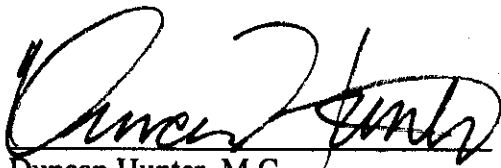
Innovation Middle School was the first middle school to expand *Always-On* access using 3G services through a pilot program within the district's i21 Technology Initiative, beginning in the 2009-2010 school year. Innovation Middle School issued every student a Lenovo Netbook with built-in 3G and content filtering for 24/7 Internet connection with their schoolwork, teachers and classmates. Both students and parents reported that they believed the school-to-home access enhanced learning. At the close of the 2nd year of implementation, academic results of the program were encouraging with Innovation Middle School boasting a 43 point increase in the school's API score, the highest gain of any middle school in the district.

The LOGO FCC grant has since enabled San Diego Unified to scale the program to 10 other middle schools reaching over 3,500 students. For the neediest students and families in particular, the LOGO program has been particularly helpful in opening doors to quality learning opportunities that transcend the classroom.

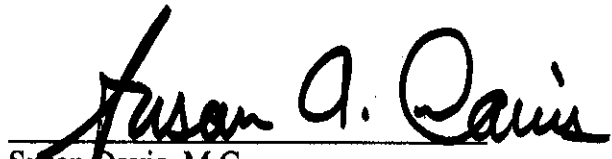
Once again, we urge the FCC to give full consideration to funding the pilot for another year while the FCC reviews the data collected from the LOGO program. Doing so will allow

these schools and students to continue their good work uninterrupted until a final decision can be made by the FCC going forward.

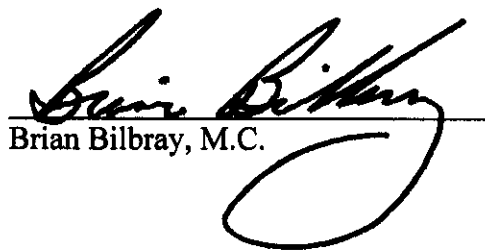
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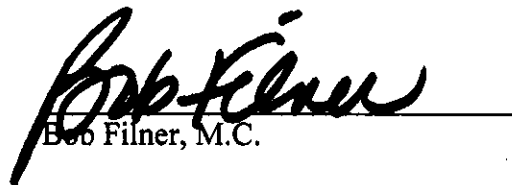
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Trent B. Harkrader
Chief
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cc: The Honorable Susan Davis
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